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EDITORIALS

WILL BE AN ISSUE

From this distance, it would appear that the cost of living and prices in general will play a big part in next year's political maneuvering and presidential election. Congress, when it meets in January, may have to restore some form of price control. The OPA will not be revived, but the voters may demand a milder form of ceilings or control. If present price trends keep up the nation will be in the dismal realms of inflation by spring, or before. Neither party can allow that to happen without face-saving efforts at control. We will see lots of name-calling. Republicans will blame it all on President Truman, and the administration's supporters will blame it on the Republican Congress. But the voter will be more interested in relief than who gets blamed, and will support those with sound programs of protection, savings, jobs and living standards.

GETTING TOUGH

For quite some time many Americans have advocated a policy of "getting tough with Russia." But maybe many of them forgot to suggest what to do in event we "get tough" but Russia did NOT back down! Nobody wants World War III! and yet when you reach the end of the rope of peaceful negotiation you dread that fateful plunge into fisticuffs.

PARTY POLICY

Former Governor Ellis Arnall, of Georgia, haswritten for the Yale Review has excellent article on the Democratic Party. His article is called, "The Democrats and the Future."

He calls the Democratic Party the Centrist Party in America, serving that vast group midway between the radicals and ultra-conservatives. It stands between the Right and the Left. It contains the largest minority geographical section, the South; much of the largest minority racial group, the Negro; and much of the largest religious groups, the Catholic and Jew. No one group has control of the party.

He cites certain principles which the modern Democratic party believes:

"1. The recognition of the oneness of America, joined with a determination to combat colonialism, regional exploitation, racial and religious discrimination and the stratification of American society into castes and classes, and with an insistence upon equal rights for all Americans.

"2. Inflexible opposition to monopolies, cartels and agreements in restraint of free enterprise and emphasis upon individual freedom.

"3. Retention of control, in the most absolute degree, over foreign policy, including the armed forces of the nation as an instrument of that policy, by civilians.

"4. Active support of democratic regimes throughout the world and firm opposition to imperialism,whether communist, fascist or traditional.

"5. Recognition that the citizens of this country have a right to experimentation in public enterprises in any direction that does not interfere with the civil liberties of the people.

Many good Democrats will disagree with one or more of these principles. Many would wish to add other principles they consider vital. However, it is noteworthy that in former Governor Arnall the South has an outstanding liberal leader who is thinking seriously of policy.

IMPOSSIBLE

(Des Moines Register)

In a glow of triumph after making a small slam at bridge, Al Cowan was amazed by his wife's scathing comments.

"What's wrong, honey?" he inquired. "I made it, didn't I?"

"Yes," she retored, "but if you'd played it the way you should, you mouldn't have made it."

WITH OTHER EDITORS

VIRGINIA'S SURPLUS

(Winchester Star)

The $12,000,000 general fund surplus with which the State of Virginia wound up the 1946-1947 fiscal year will come in handy when the General Assembly settles down next January to the job of meeting the Commonwealth's various needs. But, as the Charlottesville Progress suggests, "We are afraid it is not an unmixed blessing." Certainly the large surplus will encourage new commitments. As we see it, the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, too, is on sound ground when it says, "It would be unwise to allow abnormal revenues to fix the pattern of expenditures for recurring purposes." Prosperity does not reduce the need for economical government, as it is inevitable that these fat years will be followed by lean years. Our legislators must not make the mistake of assuming that the inflated revenues which have risen in 13 years from $13 million to nearly $60 million will remain indefinitely at the inflated level. Sooner or later a turning point come and, as the Charlottesville newspaper points out, "The higher our expenses are running when it comes, the more painful will be the readjustment which will be required both of our spending and our tax system." Virginia's substancial su.plus can prove itself to be a source of grave danger if disposed of unwisely.

CITY MANAGER CITIES

(Tax Outlook)

Seventy-six United States cities switched to the city manager form of government last year, raising the total number having that kind to 726. Largest city governed by a council and manager is Cincinnati. Twenty-four per cent of all cities of more than 10,000 population have this form of government. In the 50,000 to 100,000 population cities, 28 per cent have manager government; in the 25,000 to 50,000 cities, 21 per cent, and in the smaller cities, smaller percentages. Only eleven of the thousands of United States counties have manager government; four in Virginia, two in North Carolina, and one each in California, Georgia, New York,Montana and Tennessee.

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

(Staunton News Leader)

With all the world, seemingly, calling upon the United States for assistance in one form or another, a miracle has happened. There is one country which is willing to be placed at the foot of the line of applicants.

Ethiopia has advised the United Nations, in session at Lake Success, N. Y., that she would reuonce reconstruction aid "in favor of other member nations more immediately in need of urgent assistance."

How the worm has turned! Ethiopia has been liberated. Haile Selassie is back on his throne. And now the little country tells the United States, the Nations— tells the world— that it is doing pretty well without outsid help.

Yes, miracle do happen.

RELATIVE SPEED

(Roanoke World-News)

University of Maryland scientists have determined a snail's pace to be .00036005 miles per hour, in case you're interested. Almost as fast as an income tax refund.

Flooded Japs visited by Emperor.

Greece plans drive against guerrillas.

Per capita national debt is set at $2,050.

Hoover asks for voluntary food rationing.

Senate group will inspect reggoes camps.

Taft urges partition of Palestine.

China takes sides with Russia on veto issue.

Old Belt tobacco markets open.

BIBLE

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-7.

Worthy Objectives

Lesson for September 28, 1947

THE Book of Ecclesiastes, written by Solomon, B. C. ?77, is profitable in the fact that it discloses the findings of a very remarkable man on life. Solomon tells us that he had tried every tempting offer of the world, but found it vanity. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity," he declares.

Dr. Newton

Solomon is often referred to as the wisest of men. He does not make this claim, nor would I suggest it. As a matter of fact, Solomon was a very unwise man in many of the manifestations of his life. He had every advantage, but yielded to selfish pursuits of pleasure when he might have been serving his day and generation by the will of God.

Why do I point to Solomon as an unwise man? From his own testimony—"I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. For in much wisdom is much grief; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow."

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Excellent Advice

EVEN so, Solomon was ready, by the time he wrote Ecclesiastes, to give some excellent advice. He had discovered that pomp and ceremony are meaningless—that they turn at last to ashes.

For example, "He (God) hath made everything beautiful in its time," chapter 3, verse 11. Solomon had dealt in the artificial. He had worn the most costly robes, lived in the finest palaces, had gardens set up to please any passing whim.

But now that he has come to see the vanity of men, he can at last open his eyes to the beauty which God creates. And now he has become a wise man, indeed. There is beauty everywhere if only we have eyes to see.

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Words of Wisdom

THE next section of Sunday's lesson brings us to one of Solomon's greatest confessions. He says, chapter 3, verse 14: "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."

We do well to remember that God is, and that he is good, and that he is sovereign. "This is our Father's world," wrote Maltbie Babcock. Here is a truth for today. In our dismay over the atomic bomb, we are about to forget that God intended for man to discover atomic energy, and he expected man to have enough moral stamina to use this discovery for his good and God's glory.

Which brings us to the heart of the Preacher's message, chapter 12, verse 13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

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Seeking the Best in Life

SOLOMON, by his own testimony, missed much of the finer things of life; but he admonishes the reader to profit by his mistake and seek the best in life. For example, in chapter 2, verse 24, Solomon says: "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour."

Every boy and girl in the world knows the joy of honest work, at least I hope so. Have you grown a beautiful flower? A vegetable garden? Cut a cord of fire wood? Then you know that work is one of the essential ways of seeking the best in life.

Then Solomon comes to the first eight verses of the last chapter—a golden section for memory. It is one of the first passages of Scripture I ever learned. I trust every young person reading this column will commit that passage to memory, if you have not already done so.

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Testing Life's Philosophies

SOLOMON concludes his confessions with this probing declaration: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

What is he saying? He is reminding us that whatever may be our philosophy of life, such philosophy, together with our commitments thereto, will be tested out under the white light of God's ultimate truth. My conclusion is that I desire but one thing—to find and follow the will of God, which is always right and always best.

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"GAY GADGETS"

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By NANCY PEPPER

SHOW YOUR COLORS

If you're the big game hunter we think you are, you're planning new ways of wearing your school colors to the opening football games of the season. Well, you've come to the right column, Junior, on account of we've got a million of 'em — a million!

Half and Half — Knittin' Kittens are clicking their needles on two-color sweaters combining their two school colors. Nimble Thimbles are buying two T shirts (one in each of the school colors) and cutting them in half and sewing them together in half-and-half color combinations. They tell us they do it in vertical effect down the center, or in horizontal effect, across the middle. No matter how you slice them, they come out in your school colors.

Reet Pleats — Embroider your name in school colors inside the pleats of last year's all-around pleated skirt. The embroidery won't show when you stand still, but as soon as you move, the pleats open to reveal your identity. And we thought it was nerves that made you so jumpy.

Button Bulletin—Print the letters of your name on the buttons of your cardigan, one letter to a button. Do the job in school colors. Use oil paints, and cover with colorless nail polish.

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Records for Rent

You don't make all your money by Sitting. Some of you have gone into the Record Rental business and we hear that it's booming. For instance, Larry Pearce, 17-year-old son of Metropolitan Opera tenor, Jan Pearce, recommends and supplies records for high school and church dances around Westchester County, N. Y. He and his teen-age partner not only maintain an up-to-the-minute record rental library, but they can also install a public address system for their customers. Next time your father berates you for spending all your money on platters, tell him it's a sound business investment. Let us know when you're ready to hang out your shingle.

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Oakville

Oakville, Sept. 23.- Mr. and Mrs. Ned Burge and children and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers visited Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Burge and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, near Stapleton.

Cecil Hamilton. of Allen's Creek celebrated her 10th birthday Sunday by having dinner with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamilton. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucado and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wagner a baby girl, Joan Rebecca, September 15th., at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Marks, of Lynchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curry Abbitt Sunday.

Mrs. Rosa McCullen and granddaughter, of Rockbridge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bass last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. and Mr. Charlie Goodman recently visited in the home of A. M. Goodman at Spout Spring.

Mesdames W. C. Bass, T. L. Page and Rosa McCullough and granddaughter spent a day last week with Mrs. Sam Doss.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman and family, Mrs. C. H. Coleman and Mrs. Irena Rogers visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman in Buckingham recently.

Mrs. Sam Page and daughter spent several days last week with relatives in Lynchburg.

Bethany

Bethany, Sept. 22.- Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Paulette, of Roanoke, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette.

Mrs. Katie Allen is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Crewes, of Nathalie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children, of Halifax spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mrs. David Paulette and daughter spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Jack Paulette.

Mrs. David Paulette and daughter, and Mrs. P. O. Paulette visited Mrs. Nannie Ferguson and Mrs. Glenn Martin and son last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Walker Jennings spent last Thursday with Mrs. Ruth Jennings.

Mrs. David Paulette and daughter are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Morris, of Madisonville.

W. P. Crowgey visited P. O. Paulette Sunday evening.

Miss Virginia Paulette has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jack Moseley, of Portsmouth.

The Appomattox Garden Club met Monday evening.

U. S. delegates seeking changes in UN organization.

Rocks News

Rocks Sept. 22.- Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone, Sr., of Norfolk spent Monday night in the home of Mrs. W. F. Ranson.

Winston Ransom was visiting Rodney Roach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin and son, Samuel awhile Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Danny, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson last Sunday.

Toby Inge and Helen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach Saturday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Jr. and daughters, of Appomattox; Cassie Baldwin, Emory and Wiley Ranson and Mrs. Otis Ranson and Charlene.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children were dinner guests of Mrs. W. F. Ranson Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McGee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday.

Quite a number from Rocks expect to attend the S. S. Study Course at Evergreen this week.

G. T. Marsh made a business trip to Appomattox Saturday.

R. L. Jennings was helping Tipton and John Paulette cut tobacco Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge called to see Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin awhile Sunday.

Rhomy Wilson returned to New York after spending his vacation at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Woo'dridge and family, of Evergreen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and Mrs. W. F. Ranson last Sunday.

Emory Ranson is able to wear his shoe again, after a recent accident.

Brooklyn and New York Yankees to meet in this year's world series games.

REPORT MADE ON LOW BEAN PRICES

Snap-bean growers in the tri-state mountain area of southwest Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, who fell victim during July and August to "disastrously low" prices for their product were given advice this week to help avert a repeat performance.

Growers should realize, said E. W. Clark, federal farm credit administration, and J. L. Maxton, Extension Service economist, that a high quality bean will do much toward solving their problems. Further, the beans should be harvested soon enough to grade 90 per cent U. S. No. 1 and should be of quality desired by buyers.

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